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SUBJECT: LABOR STANDARDS IMPROVING, BUT QUALIFIED
GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS LACKING

REF: MANAMA 463 Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(SBU) Summary: Enforcement of a summer mid-day work ban has improved worker welfare. The Ministry of Labor is actively promoting construction
- 2.(SBU) Enforcement of a labor decree banning outdoor work between noon and 4 p.m. has decreased the number of construction-related heat stroke
- 3.(SBU) The Occupational Safety Division (OSD) at the Ministry of Labor has run an awareness campaign highlighting construction site dangers an
- 4.(SBU) Hussaini complained of a lack of qualified safety inspectors. Of the eight engineers who inspect on behalf of the OSD, none are safety
- 5.(SBU) A ministerial order of 2006 stipulates that all companies with more than 100 employees must have a designated safety officer or office,
- 6.(SBU) Bahrain will host the third annual Arabian Conference of Occupational Safety and Health November 4-6. The goal of the conference is to
- 7.(C) Comment: Hussaini was open with poloffs, but clammed up when his boss, OSD chief Ali Abdulla Makki, entered the room. Makki had not resp